



**COLONEL CHRISTOPHER J. TOOMEY**  
**Commander**  
**U. S. Army Corps of Engineers**  
**Afghanistan Engineer District**

Colonel Christopher J. Toomey assumed command of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Afghanistan Engineer District on July 10, 2005.

The Afghanistan Engineer District is responsible for a comprehensive infrastructure program for the reception and training of recruits, and subsequent stabilization of up to 70,000 soldiers of the Afghanistan National Army. The program includes construction, rehabilitation and refurbishment of barracks, dining facilities, clinics, administration centers, motor pools, multipurpose training ranges, and support facilities. It also includes construction of a military hospital, military academy, entrance processing station and training center.

The District is responsible for building new facilities for the Afghanistan National Police, Border Police and the Highway Police throughout the country. Additionally, the District is building new facilities for U.S. Forces in Afghanistan and provides technical and mentoring support to the U.S. Agency for International Development including the Department of Defense.

In addition to serving as District Commander, Colonel Toomey is the staff engineer for Combined Forces Command-Afghanistan. In this role, he oversees all engineering activities for the military and the Department of Defense, including construction of roads, bridges and forward operating bases.

Prior to taking his position in Afghanistan, Colonel Toomey commanded the 555th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade at Fort Lewis. During Operation Iraqi Freedom, he commanded the 555th Combat Engineer Group and Task Force ABLE as part of the 4th Infantry Division. In this role, he led more than 3,200 soldiers in combat operations.

Colonel Toomey has served in numerous command and staff positions to include: Chief, C4ISR and Battle Command with the TRADOC Army Transformation Task Force at Fort Lewis; command of the 14th Combat Engineer Battalion, at Fort Lewis, Washington; NATO SFOR's Chief, Engineer Plans in Sarejevo, Bosnia-Herzegovina, and later Chief, Partnership for Peace, Headquarters Land Forces Central Europe; Brigade S4, 20th Engineer Brigade during Operation Uphold Democracy in Haiti, and Battalion S3, 27th Engineer Battalion; Instructor and Assistant Professor in the Department of Civil and Mechanical Engineering at the U.S. Military Academy; and Resident Engineer in Thule, Greenland.

Colonel Toomey was commissioned in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers upon graduation as a distinguished cadet from the U.S. Military Academy in 1981. He also graduated with the highest distinction from the College of Naval Warfare, U.S. Naval War College, and is a graduate of the British Army Command and Staff College, Camberly, England. He attended MIT where he received MSC's in Mechanical Engineering and Material Science and Engineering.

Colonel Toomey's decorations include the Legion of Merit (with Oak Leaf Cluster), the Bronze Star (with "V" device for Valor), the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (with four Oak Leaf Clusters), Joint Service Commendation Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, and the Army Achievement Medal (with three Oak Leaf Clusters). He wears the U.S. Army Ranger Tab and is a Master Parachutist. He is recognized with the Silver and Bronze de Fleury Medals and is a Fellow of the Society of American Military Engineers. Colonel Toomey is a registered Professional Engineer in Virginia.